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Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program Newsletter

Summer 2016

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A Note from ISSS

Congratulations to our international seniors who graduated on May 29, 2016! Family members came to Middlebury from far and wide and received a very warm welcome from our hosts and the Middlebury community. What a wonderful sight to witness everyone celebrating together as one big international family.

We will miss the Class of 2016 as well as our international exchange students who were with us for the academic year. We wish them all the best as they begin new journeys around the globe. We hope many of you will remain in touch with your students and perhaps even see them in the future. May they always remember Middlebury as a favorite place and know they are always welcome here.

Important Dates

FIS Host Program

The FIS recruiting and matching process for the Class of 2020 continues. Please contact us if you would like to host a student this fall. Our next information meetings on campus will be in August on the 2nd floor of the Service Building. We ask that new hosts attend a meeting so that we can meet them and share more information about the program. If you are an experienced host, you are welcome to join us as well. Your stories and insights are vital to friends who are new to FIS and trying to decide if they would be a good fit for the program. Please contact us at isss@middlebury.edu or call us at 802.443.5858 if you would like to attend one of the following meetings:

- Thursday, August 4 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
- Monday, August 15 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Please share this information with friends and family who may be interested and encourage them to attend a meeting to learn more about FIS. You can learn more about FIS on our website at: http://www.middlebury.edu/international/isss/fis.

Fall Term

Our new international students will be on campus for *Early Arrival* orientation beginning on Friday, September 2, 2016. They will be joined by returning students when the residence halls open on Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. Fall term classes begin on Monday, September 12 at 8 a.m.

The start of school is an exciting, yet overwhelming time for many international students. If you see anyone who appears "lost" in town, give them a big Middlebury welcome. You may be able to steer them in the right direction!

Upcoming Events

The Language Schools are in session and there are more than 1,500 additional folks in town! Learn more about the schools at their website: http://www.middlebury.edu/ls. Many Language School events are open to the general public throughout the summer. Check out the events calendar at: http://www.middlebury.edu/events.

FIS Story Corner

Enjoy these stories and pictures from the past year as well as Commencement 2016. Thank you to our hosts for sharing these special moments with all of us. We love receiving stories and photos from our hosts. Send them anytime to isss@middlebury.edu.

Sarah Kotb '16 (far left) and family members from California, Egypt, New Jersey, and Vermont enjoying a celebratory dinner with host, Blake Harrison (far right).

Hosts Matt Landis (far left), Angela Cobrin Landis (second from left) and their children Ella and Willem welcomed their student, Gilbert Kiprop Kipkorir ’16 (second from right) and his parents (from Kenya) into their home during Commencement weekend.

Gilbert Kiprop Kipkorir ’16 and his parents were all smiles at the Commencement ceremony.

Graduate Khine Thant Su ’16 with her parents from Myanmar enjoyed the Commencement festivities with host, Anne Wheeler (far right).

Danilo Herrera ’18 (far left) took in the sights of NYC with his hosts Nicole Librandi (second from left) and Bill Brown (far right) with family member Doug Bowen.

Reminders

Host Information Changes

Please keep us posted about any address/phone/email changes so we can keep our records up-to-date. We don't want you to miss out on any important FIS happenings! Send any updates to isss@middlebury.edu (subject line: FIS Host Program).

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you in the fall!

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